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Title: LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 14, delete paragraph [0052] and replace it with the following new paragraph:

[0052] It should be appreciated that a similar system as shown in Figures 4 and 5 is between the substrate W and the transparent plate 12. The system shown in Figures 4 and 5 is more fully described in ~~European~~ U.S. Patent Application ~~02257822.3~~ 10/705,805, filed November 12, 2002 2003, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.